

First youth conference held in Weatherford

By Rebecca Lyman Reporter/Ad Sales

Empowerment is the focus for the first Cheyenne and Arapaho Youth conference, touching on topics that include education, culture, language, personal development, identity and social issues teens face today.

On July 18-20, 2011 at Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) in Weatherford, Okla. the Cheyenne and Arapaho Department of Education partnered with the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program, the Tribal Health program, and the Tribal College to sponsor the conference.

“This is an opportunity to teach those that are here about who they are ... give them a sense of pride and words of encouragement,” Teresa Dorsett, Cheyenne and Arapaho education executive director said.

Dorsett said there were several workshops for the kids to take part in and attend over the next three days.

“Customs of the Cheyenne, customs of the Arapaho, goal setting, college prep, how to get through high school and into college, bullying, technology etiquette, kids

engaging with technology and the importance of making good choices, unity, principles and success are some of the workshops and just a lot of motivational discussions,” Dorsett said.

Tribal youth entering 7th-12th grades in the fall of 2011 and recent high school graduates were able to participate.

“My hope is that the kids leave here with self confidence, pride in who they are, just to believe in themselves ... maybe see life in a different outlook,” Dorsett said.

The participants were divided into gender groups of four to six kids with each group having a chaperone and counselor.

Kaitlyn Kodaseet, 17, decided to be a chaperone for the youth con-

ference.

“My little sister wanted to attend, but wouldn’t go unless I would, so I was asked to chaperone since I wasn’t in 12th grade any more,” Kodaseet said. “My respon-

sibility is to make sure that the kids know what time the workshops are and where, what time they need to be there, get up in time for breakfast, and just make sure they don’t

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Photos by Rebecca Lyman

Motivational guest speaker, Chance Rush, giving the kids a lesson on how to walk with their own cool style.

Giving a voice to the Tsistsistas (Cheyenne) and Hinonoei (Arapaho)

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief



Photos by Rosemary Stephens

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College President, Dr. Henrietta Mann, presents a history lesson to audience members during the language conference held July 26-28, 2011.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College President, Dr. Henrietta Mann, quietly speaks the words, “The Tsistsistas and Hinonoei (Cheyenne and Arapaho) have strong spiritual traditions, traditions which require some knowledge of the language. Language is requisite for culture and culture is requisite for language. Culture and language cannot exist independently without each other ... making it urgent for us to maintain our

languages and pass them on to the next generation.”

In a collaborative partnership, tribal programs and the tribal college joined together to host a three-day language conference July 26-28, 2011 at the Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) in Weatherford, Okla.

“Language serves as a bridge between the inner human landscape of the heart and mind and the exterior landscape of the world. Our ancestors breathed strength and spirits into each generation. They ever so thoughtfully threw their prayers out and over their descendants. Consequently, today’s generations are guided and protected by their prayers,” Mann said. “Close your eyes and imagine a serene place in the past of long ago ... embrace the hope that our beloved grandparents held for today.”

Opening ceremonies began on Tuesday, July 26, 2011 with the bringing in of flags by the Oklahoma City VA Warriors Group and a song by the Red Moon Singers.

Arapaho Chief Moses Starr gave the blessing and Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Janice Boswell welcomed the guests.

Guest speakers, Dr. Richard Littlebear, President and Dean of Cultural Affairs at Chief Dull Knife College on the Northern

Cheyenne Reservation in Montana and Dr. Marlin Spoonhunter, President of the Wind River Tribal College in Wyoming, Dean of Students at Browning High School in Browning, MT and an elementary teacher shared their experience in their efforts to keep the Cheyenne and Arapaho languages alive.

Littlebear was born on the northern Cheyenne reservation and grew up in Busby, MT. He holds degrees from Bethel College in Kansas and Montana State University and received his doctorate degree in education from Boston University in 1994.

Spoonhunter said he enjoys his family, participating in powwows across Indian country and enjoys learning the Arapaho language and working with his elders of his tribe.

“I believe that higher education is the key to success for our future generations. Knowing who we are and speaking our Arapaho language identifies us from every race in the world and I am proud to be a northern Arapaho,” Spoonhunter stated.

Workshops, youth and adult hands-on language activities, history lessons, bingo and cultural lessons as well as many other activities, took place over the three-day event.

Speaking to the attendees, Cheyenne and Arapaho Education Executive Director, Teresa Dorsett, and a member of the Language Advisory Board, outlined the details of the Language Advisory Board and their goals.

She stated the primary purpose of creating

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Keepseagle class action settlement, open for Native American farmers and ranchers

By Rebecka Lyman Reporter/Ad Sales

“Now that the claims process is open, Native American farmers and ranchers who believe they are entitled to funds under the Keepseagle settlement must file a claim within 180 days in order to have a chance to receive a cash payment or loan forgiveness,” Tracie Revies, Keepseagle regional claims representative said.

On July 26-28, 2011 the Keepseagle claims council set up a mobile office at the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal complex within the Native American Church in Concho, Okla.

In 2011 settlement agreements were reached in two historic, but different class action settlements for Native Americans one was Corbell v. Salazar and the other Keepseagle v. Vilsack.

Keepseagle is a lawsuit filed in 1999 alleging that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) discriminated against Native American farmers and ranchers in the way it operated its farm loan program. The lawsuit was settled late last year and the court has approved the settlement.

The filing period opened June 29, 2011 and continues for 180 days, until Dec. 27, 2011.

Revies said up to \$760 million would be made available in monetary relief, debt relief and tax relief to successful claimants.

“There are two tracks for claims, Track A claimants may receive up to \$50,000 and Track B claimants may receive up to \$250,000. The standard proof of Track B

is a higher standard than what will be applied to Track A,” Revies said. “In order to receive a share of the money in the settlement one must file a claim through either Track A or Track B.”

Revies said to see if one is entitled to benefits from the settlement, the claimant first has to determine if they are a class member.

The class includes all Native American farmers and ranchers who farmed or ranched between Jan. 1, 1981 and Nov. 24, 1999.

“Those who have sought or attempted to seek a loan from USDA during that period and complained about discrimination to the USDA orally or in writing either on their own or through a representative, during the same time period,” Revies said. “For class members who show evidence of discrimination in the claims process, for a certain period of time the USDA has also agreed to suspend foreclosures, debt acceleration payments and referring to the treasury requests to offset or withhold other federal benefits that are used to pay down outstanding loans.”

The lawsuit claims that the USDA denied thousands of Native American farmers and ranchers the same opportunities to get farm loans or loan servicing that were given to white farmers and ranchers. Plaintiffs also claim that the USDA did not do outreach to Native American farmers and ranchers or provide them with the technical



Photo by Rebecka Lyman

Tracie Revies, Keepseagle regional claims representative assists a claimant that drove from Crescent Okla. to the Native American Church building to find out about the Keepseagle settlement.

assistance they needed to prepare applications for loans and loan servicing.

“The settlement does not mean the USDA violated any laws,” Revies said.

Revies said an actual payment couldn’t be determined yet.

“The claimants will be notified after all claims have been reviewed, sometime by the summer of 2012 of what amount they will be receiving,” Revies said.

The Keepseagle class council is holding a number of meetings through out Indian country and they will provide assistance to help those claimants fill out the claims package.

For more information about the settlement visit www.IndianFarmClass.com, call (800) 233-5506 or write to Keepseagle Settlement, P.O. Box 3560, Portland, OR 97208-5506.

Fire destroys family’s home

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

A fire that broke out at approximately 3 p.m. on Thursday, July 21, 2011 destroys the home and all its contents of Sophina Williams, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member, and her family.

The El Reno Fire Department received a call of a fire at 617 and 619 S. Rock Island Avenue in El Reno, Okla.

“It looked like it started in the motor home parked between the two houses,” Kent Lagaly, El Reno Fire Chief said.

As the firefighters struggled to extinguish the fire, flames continued to shoot higher and higher. Lagaly said he attributed the high flames to propane tanks on the motor home, which started to vent and “that would have kept the fires fed.”

Emily Sankey-Roy,



Photo by Rosemary Stephens
Home of Sophina Williams and family was a total loss in fire.

William’s daughter-in-law, said she was in her home with other family members when she heard a loud popping sound from the motor home that was parked between the two houses.

“Flames just started shooting out everywhere,” Sankey-Roy said.

Sankey-Roy said their family had lived in the residence for 13 years, but they would stay with family and friends until they could find another home.

A code enforcement officer, Maurice Spann,



Courtesy of ER Tribune
El Reno Fire Department respond to a fire July 21, 2011 at 617 and 619 S. Rock Island Ave.

said the city had just condemned the house next door to Williams at 617 S. Rock Island the day before the fire.

Lagaly said the fire department is still investigating the cause of the blaze.

Williams is employed at the Geary Nursing Home in Geary, Okla.

Donations are being accepted and can be sent to the Geary Nursing Home, 720 N. Galena Ave., Geary, Okla. 73040 in the care of Sophina Williams or to reach Williams call (405) 761-9164.



Clinton Lucky Star Casino Contest Winner

Clinton Lucky Star Casino announced the winner of the Commemorative Chip art contest.

The winner was Leslie Gould.

There were 19 entries

in the contest.

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Biggest loser contest promotes biggest winners

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief



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Emily Gray, Gaming Commission, accepts a certificate and other prizes at the Biggest Loser Contest luncheon held July 25, 2011. Gray was one of 85 contestants who entered the contest April 1, 2011.

Shedding pounds and body fat pays off for Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal employees.

On Monday July 25, 2011 the top ten winners of the 2011 Biggest Loser Contest were announced during a luncheon held at the Community Center in Concho, Okla.

“I entered the contest to lose weight and to get in shape,” Emily Gray, one of the top ten winners, said. “I started out with a trainer and working out ... losing ten pounds the first month.”

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ employee committee teamed up with the Diabetes Wellness program and the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program to sponsor the Biggest Loser Contest.

“Lucky Star Casino employees hosted their own biggest loser contest a while back and the results were terrific ... our employees are getting healthy and preventing diabetes as well as other health issues by getting in shape,” Cecil Gray, Cheyenne and Arapaho personnel director said.

A total of 60 women and 25 men participated in the contest with a total weight loss of 354 pounds achieved. Each participant paid a \$25 entry fee.

“Not only does this benefit each individual by getting into shape and getting healthy, but it benefits our tribes in reducing health insurance premiums ... the less our employees go to the doctor or have health issues, the less the insurance premiums for each employee,” Cecil said.

First place winners, men and women categories, split the total entry fee money (\$1,075 each winner). They also won an IPOD Touch (donated by R.E.Sp.E.C.T., three days of administrative leave, Nike shoes, two pairs of shorts, four t-shirts and two sweatshirts with hoods (donated by the Diabetes Wellness program).

The top five winners for most pounds lost in the women’s category was Holly Sheridan, losing 36.6 pounds, Wendy Haag, losing 27.2 pounds, Anita Pawnee, losing 23. 8 pounds, Teresa Dorsett losing 17.6 pounds and Ava Pollock, losing 18.6 pounds.

The top five winners for most pounds lost in the men’s category was Lonnie Burns, losing 21.8 pounds, Parry RomanNose, losing 16.8 pounds, Seth Littleman, losing 16.4 pounds, Alvin Pollock, losing 7.8 pounds and Adrian Prairie Chief, losing 6 pounds.

Another biggest loser contest is being planned for 2012.

“I feel so much better and I really gained a lot of knowledge about what to eat and what not eat ... I continue to work out and I am just going to keep going,” Emily said.

Mentoring Native American youth

Submitted by James Bates

The mentoring program began a year ago as collaboration between the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes and El Reno Public School’s (ERPS) alternative school.

One goal of the program was to match an adult Indian with an at-risk student, not only to provide a positive role model, but to provide someone who would listen without judging, who would offer encouragement and who would talk truthfully about life, careers and being Indian in today’s society.



Submitted photo

The mentor/mentee end of the year pizza party in May 2011.

Positive outcomes are possible only if the participants are engaged and committed to the goals and objectives of the programs. Mentoring, done well, can change the lives of students.

In the beginning, it was the Transition Coalition (TC), tribal government, Indian community and public schools working in partnership for quality education for Indian youth. Research literature suggests that in today’s public schools American Indian students face unique challenges as they move from one level of schooling to another, such as from middle school to high school and later to college. This uniqueness seemingly has a base in their home and tribal cultures, which are seldom addressed accordingly by public schools and by the tribes.

TC represents a theory based program of intervention/prevention activities designed to neutralize conflicts which contribute to poor transition and the prevailing conditions-poor grades, dropouts, weak self-esteem, minimal home support for education and appropriate preparation for progress/success during and after transition.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes and ERPS have targeted the 16 to 19 year old age groups, for now. What we are trying to do is to get our Native students prepared for life after high school. First of all, we want the Native student to graduate high school.

The tribes and the EHS partnered to create a mentoring program directed at Cheyenne and Arapaho Indian students.

A targeted mentoring program was created that matches an adult Indian with an Indian student enrolled in the El Reno High School Academy (ERHSA), the alternative high school. The partnership between the tribes and the ERPS is the culmination of several months of negotiations and discussions.

The school and the tribes believe that teenage Indian youths who feel alienated are more likely to drop out of school, abuse drugs and alcohol, and, as studies show, they are less likely to graduate or to attend college.

The mentoring program has received strong support and encouragement from Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Janice Boswell and Lt. Gov. Leslie Harjo, Cheyenne and Arapaho Executive Director

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Above: Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Janice Boswell and Tribal College President, Dr. Henrietta Mann, take a moment to visit. Right: Tribal College Vice-President, Alden Whiteman and his son, Aaron, welcome guest speaker Dr. Richard Littlebear.



the Cheyenne and Arapaho Language Advisory Board was to provide guidance and advice on the direction the Cheyenne and Arapaho Language Programs should take to ensure the non-speaking tribal members learn to speak their Cheyenne and/or Arapaho languages. She listed specific goals being the

adoption of a long range language plan (five to ten years), adoption of a curriculum for the Cheyenne and Arapaho languages for head start and child development, K-4, 5-8, 9-12 grades and college level courses, utilizing technology to advance the presentation of the languages to tribal members, develop

a language teachers certification program for the Cheyenne and Arapaho languages, determine which existing Orthography to use for the languages, to decide whether to include dialect(s) and to determine whether creating new vocabulary words for Cheyenne and Arapaho

Department of Education, Language program, Elder Care program, Office of Planning and Development, Culture and Heritage, the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program, SWOSU and Lucky Star Casino.

“Can you imagine the cheerful conversations in the lodges around the fire as our ancestors deliberated new words ... words for horse (mo’eheno’ha) meaning domesticated elk or for different nationalities such as German (Ma’e-ve’ho’e) meaning red white man. What amusing and important work that was and still is today. You will be doing important work for these three days we are together ... all of you are history makers, teachers, story tellers and students,” Mann said. “This gathering is an important event in the on-going history of the Cheyenne and Arapaho. I am so proud to be one of you and to be able to spend this time with you.”

languages is necessary for future use of language (i.e. iPod, cell phones, computers, etc.)

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Whitesnake Concert
Aug. 5, 2011 at the Lucky Star Casino Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show begins at 8 p.m. To order tickets visit www.ticketstorm or by phone at (866) 966-1777.

The 22nd annual Oklahoma Indian Nations powwow
Aug. 5-7, 2011 at the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Concho powwow grounds in Concho, Okla. Vendors welcomed. For vendor booth and other information contact Christine Morton at (405) 422-7545.

The Kaw Nation powwow
Aug. 5-7, 2011 at the Washunga Bay powwow grounds in Kaw City, Okla. For more information call (580) 269-2552 or visit www.kawnation.com.

The annual Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Summerfest Golf Scramble
Aug. 6, 2011 at the Crimson Creek Golf Course in El Reno, Okla. Four person scramble. Registration 9 a.m.-9:45 a.m. Tee off at 10 a.m. Entry fee is \$35 with paying own cart and green fees. For more information contact Jerry Levi at (405) 615-4933 or (405) 422-1143.

The InterTribal Indian Club of Tulsa powwow of Champions
Aug. 12-14, 2011 at the Claremore Expo Center in Claremore, Okla. For more information call Maggie Blalock at (918) 838-8276 or email iiicot@cox.net.

The seventh annual Ft. Marion and Sandcreek Descendant powwow
Aug. 12-14, 2011 at the Concho powwow grounds in Concho, Okla. Gourd dance at 3 p.m. Grand entry at 7 p.m. The committee would like to invite clans, clan sisters, Cheyenne princesses, Arapaho princesses and all powwow princesses and their families. For more information call James Blackbear Jr. at (405) 884-2740.

Intertribal Agricultural Council Meeting
From 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Saturday Aug. 13, 2011 at the Sac & Fox Nation’s tribal complex, 920883 S. Hwy. 99 in Stroud, Okla. Information on government assistance for improving lands, animal health and more. Free to public. Door prizes and lunch is provided. For moe information call Zachary Butler at (405) 747-7665 or by email at zbutler@indianaglink.com.

Honor Soldier Dance for Tiffany Reynolds
Aug. 13, 2011 at the Frisco Center in Clinton, Okla. Gourd dance at 3 p.m. Supper at 5 p.m. Dance to follow. For more information contact Angie Lime at (580) 340-1506.

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The Choctaw Nation annual Labor Day Festival and powwow
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The Colony Labor Day powwow
Sept. 2-5, 2011 at the Colony powwow grounds in Colony Okla. For more information contact Carol Whiteskunk at (405) 422-7571.

The 18th annual Comanche Nation Fair
Sept. 2-4, 2011 at the Comanche Nation Complex grounds in Lawton, Okla. For more information contact Cathy Flynn at catherinef@cne.com or visit comanchenation.com.

The fourth annual Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College Commencement
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Diana Ross Concert
Sept. 22, 2011 at the Lucky Star Casino Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show begins at 8 p.m. To order tickets visit www.ticketstorm or by phone at (866) 966-1777.

Loretta Lynn Concert
Sept. 24, 2011 at the Lucky Star Casino Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show begins at 8 p.m. To order tickets visit www.ticketstorm or by phone at (866) 966-1777.

The Big Foot Fall Festival and Conference
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Prevention worth a pound of cure

By Margie Deer



Submitted photo
Margie Deer

I, Margie Deer, ashealth education director for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, would like to thank everyone, especially for their prayers and their generosity.

I have worked for the tribes for 11 years in health promotion and disease prevention. First as the REACH coordinator and now as the health education director.

Two years ago I found out that I am diabetic and I was recently diagnosed with inoperable pancreatic cancer. In doing research, I found that cancer cells are in almost all of us. Our immune system gets rid of the bad cells. If our immune system isn't working properly, we can get cancer. If you have a family history of cancer, you are at a greater risk for it. Also, if you smoke, don't eat healthy, don't exercise, drink too many sodas, you increase your chance of getting cancer.

According to Dr. Oz, more than two sodas per week doubles your risk for pancreatic cancer.

Prevention is worth a pound of cure, they say, and for the most part, this is true. You can cut your chances on getting cancer by not smoking, regular exercise, getting plenty of rest, and by eating lots of fresh fruits and vegetables. Lemons, fresh fruits and cruciferous vegetables, such as broccoli, asparagus, and cabbage are good and help your body to ward off cancer.

Looking on the bright side, I don't feel sick. I have no pain. I am still able to work. I have a great family and many friends. I lost a lot of weight for no reason. I brought this to the attention of my primary care physician six months before I was diagnosed with cancer. She did not listen to me so a lot of time was wasted in my diagnosis. In hindsight, I should have gotten a second opinion.

The oncologist I was seeing gave me no hope for recovery so I changed doctors. I believe there is always hope. I'm not ready for the "happy hunting ground" and with the Creator's blessing, I will be around for a while longer.

Many prayers have gone up for me and will continue. Again, thanks and keep me and my family in your prayers.

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get lost," Kodaseet said.

Kodaseet said, with a smile on her face, she had never been to one of these (conferences) and wanted to be participating in it, instead of chaperoning.

"I think it is really cool that the conference is here for kids, I think it will keep them out of trouble for three days and while they are here give them a better insight on their life," Kodaseet said.

Conference activities included guest speaker, Chance Rush, who spoke to the kids after lunch in the SWOSU gym.

"This is a time to take over who you are, it is time to get out of your comfort zone young people, a time to be brave and think outside the box ... get out of your comfort zone," Rush said.



Danielle Foster, 12, makes up her bed for the three day youth conference after she signed in.

Through Rush's mentoring and motivational speeches, he advises on topics for Native American people, young and old, who deal with today's society.

"Nine out of ten young people want someone to talk to them," Rush said. "As a Native American and a single father of two children a lot of what I speak of comes from my very own life experiences."

With his strong belief in God, Rush has led an al-

cohol and drug free life and strives to make a positive difference within Indian Country.

Throughout the duration of the youth conference the teens engaged in learning by day and having a little fun with Marcus Guinn, also known as MC 1. While using his turntable and music system he kept the kids entertained throughout the day and evening hours.

For more information on next year's youth conference contact Dorsett at (405) 422-7562 or Kathleen Tallbear, Outreach Director, at (405) 422-7564.



Buffalo Meatballs

Cooking with USDA Foods

Recipes furnished by the
Cheyenne & Arapaho Food Distribution Program

2 pounds ground buffalo	3 tablespoons ketchup
4 slices white bread - soaked with water, then squeezed out and broken into tiny pieces	
3 egg whites	
1/2 cup grated Romano cheese	
1 teaspoon dried parsley	
1/4 cup minced onion, optional	
1 teaspoon dried oregano	
Salt and pepper to taste	

Combine the buffalo, bread, eggs, cheese, parsley and onion and season with salt and pepper to taste.

Form mixture into golf size balls and brown in a large skillet over medium heat for 5 to 10 minutes, or until well browned. Add to your favorite spaghetti sauce and simmer until meatballs are completely cooked through, about 15 to 20 minutes.

Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma Head Start Program



The Cheyenne and Arapaho Head Start Program Concho Center is now accepting applications for the 2011-2012 school year.

The Head Start Program is a comprehensive Child Development Program that is designed to promote high quality services and provide a range of individualized services in the area of Education, Early Childhood, Medical, Dental, Mental Health, Nutrition and Parent Involvement. Head Start Services are responsive and appropriate to each child and family's development, Ethnic, Cultural and Linguistic experience.

Eligibility Requirements:
3 years old to 5 years old – must be 3 years old by September 1, and turn 5 years old after September 1.

For Application to be processed, the following must be attached:

- a) Copy of Child's Birth Certificate
- b) Copy of Child's Immunization Record
- c) Copy of Child's Social Security Card
- d) Copy of Child's Health Insurance card
- e) Income Verification
- f) If the Child has Special Needs. Documentation Attached.
- g) CDIB (If Applicable)

Head Start provides transportation to and from the Head Start Center in a 25 mile radius in service area. Includes Concho, El Reno, Kingfisher, Okarche, Geary and Calumet.

Certified Staff, Age Appropriate Curriculum, Certified CDL Bus Drivers, Nutritious Meals-Breakfast and Lunch, Cultural Activities and Field Trips.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Head Start Program follows Federal Guidelines and local Department of Human Services requirements. The Head Start Program does not discriminate against: Race, Color, Sex, National Origin or Disabilities.

For enrollment packet or more information call Leanna Balbuena, Center Supervisor or Rachel Morales, Family Services Coordinator at (405) 422-7647 or (405) 422-7645.



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BRIEFS

The 40th annual Association of American Indian Physicians Health Conference
Aug. 8-15, 2011 at the Red Lion Hotel in Portland, Oregon. For more information or to register visit www.aaip.org.

Tribal Elections, Ordinances and Procedures
Aug. 10-11, 2011 in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.dciamerica.com.

Zoning on Indian Land
Sept. 13-15, 2011 at the

Aug. 17-18, 2011 at the Platinum Resort in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Jurisdictions for Tribes Subject to P.L. 280
Aug. 22-23, 2011 at the Platinum Resort in Las Vegas, Nev. Visit www.falmouthinstitute.com for more information.

Native American and Veteran Business Conference and Tradeshow
Sept. 13-15, 2011 at the

Tulalip Resort Hotel and Convention Center in Tulalip, Wash. For more information and to register visit www.nativeptac.org.

Archives Management Policies and Procedures for Tribal Organizations
Sept. 15-16, 2011 in Las Vegas, Nev. Topics include preserving the historical records. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The second annual Five Tribes Story Conference
Sept. 16-17, 2011 at the Five Civilized Tribes Museum in Muskogee, Okla. The conference brings together some of Indian country's most renowned authors, artists, storytellers and professors. For more information visit www.fivetribes.org.

The 19th annual National Native American Law Enforcement Training Conference
Sept. 20-22, 2011 at the Tropicana Hotel and Resort in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register

visit www.nnalea.org.

Professional Excellence II for Tribal Secretaries and Administrative Assistants
Sept. 21-23, 2011 in Las Vegas, Nev. Good communication one of the most important skills tribal secretaries and administrative assistants can possess. To register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The 13th annual American Indian Tourism Conference
Sept. 22-14, 2011 at the

Radisson Ft. McDowell Resort in Scottsdale, Ariz. To register visit www.aianta.org/aitc2011.

The Southwestern Institute for the Education of Native Americans fifth annual Native American Leadership Today Conference
Sept. 22-23, 2011 at the Desert Willow Conference Center in Phoenix, Ariz. Guides to achieve success in given professions, trades, health and education. To register visit www.siena-az.org.

The 22nd annual Oklahoma Indian Nations Powwow-Aug. 5-7

Elder of the Year - Moses Starr



Moses Starr Jr. was born on Jan. 17, 1932 to Helen and Moses Starr Sr. in Concho, Okla. Moses was raised by grandmother, Soar Woman, in Clinton, Okla. until her death. He then moved back with his parents and attended the ninth and tenth grades at Concho School in Concho, Okla.

During the eleventh grade, at 18 years of age, Moses decided to enlist in the U.S. Army and became a Ranger. He served in the Korean War and was honorably discharged in 1954. He returned to Concho where he married and raised seven children.

Moses had left his Cheyenne ways earlier in his life, but he returned to the traditional ways of his childhood, just as his grandmother had predicted he would do.

Moses became the Camp Crier for the Cheyenne Sundance and also carries the medicine to paint his people who have passed on, as well as their families.

He is often sought after to comfort the families in their time of loss and does so with gentle guidance and a sense of humor that he always seems to use at just the right time.

He is also a member of the Kit Fox society of the Cheyenne tribe.

He has served on several committees for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes as well as working with the Indian Rehabilitation Program helping incarcerated Indians make their way back into society. In 2010 the Arapahos honored Moses when he was made an Arapaho Chief.

Moses has traveled to many different countries representing the Cheyenne people with his stories, traditional Cheyenne songs and dances. He was called upon to bless the Mu-

seum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C., as well as the one in New York City.

He speaks Cheyenne fluently and knows thousands of ceremonial songs and social songs. He is often called upon to be master of ceremonies or be Head Singer at many dances.

In 2010 Moses lost a kidney and a portion of his lung, however his love for the drum has kept him singing as strong as ever.

Moses has two surviving daughters, Juanita (Skeeter) and Jeanette, who have learned many of the traditional ways from him and they are helping him to pass the traditional ways down to his 16 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

He also has many adopted relatives, including sons, daughters and grandchildren from as far ways as New York and Tennessee.

Everyone in C&A country knows Moses Starr Jr. He has been a father, grandfather, uncle, spiritual leader, friend and elder to so many.

His sense of humor and compassion has touched everyone who has come into contact with him and his love for the Cheyenne people has inspired his tribe as well as people outside of his tribe. He truly embodies the spirit of a wise and caring elder, who is driven by the memories of his ancestors and his hope for the future of the Cheyenne and Arapaho people.

2011 OIN Princesses



Alicia Belle Doran Reed, (2 Stands Woman) is 14 years old and an 8th grader at Darlington School. She is Cheyenne and Arapaho also Yakama, Creek, Cree, and Absentee Shawnee. Alicia is the daughter of Galen and Angel Reed of El Reno, Okla. and the granddaughter of Ken and Claudette Eckwardy of Edmond, Okla. She is also the granddaughter of Darwin and Frankie Lime. Alicia loves to read, play basketball and cheerlead. She is the top speller of her school and won the spelling

bee.

Alicia is a Southern cloth dancer, but also participates in the Jingle and Fancy Shawl dance categories

“I joined the powwow circle when I was 7 years old in Washington State and have been dancing since then. When I first joined the circle I was a Jingle dress dancer but then moved to the cloth category and have won many dance competitions. I enjoy dancing and love to powwow and travel to out of state dances as well as local dances and benefit dances,” Alicia stated. “I have been to the Gathering of Nations, Denver March, Legends Casino and Treaty Days Powwow in Washington State and plan to go out of state for those powwows again and more out-of-state powwows so I can represent my tribe and the OIN committee.”

Alicia was also the 2009-2011 Red Moon Powwow Junior Princess.

She said she would like to thank those who voted and supported her to become the Senior Miss OIN Princess.



Sierra Littleman, Me’ne’a’e’ (Shell Woman), Taa xevoeho’oxeo’o (Stand on Edge of Cloud) is the 2011-12 Junior Miss Oklahoma Indian Nation Princess.

Sierra is in the 6th grade at Hammon Elementary and is 12 years old.

She is the daughter of Shannon Littleman of Hammon, Okla. and Daniel Allrunner of Lawton, Okla. She has one brother, Aaron

Littleman Reyes (Red-moon) and a special uncle who raised her, Harvey Miles, both of Hammon.

Her grandmother is Nellie Hayes Littleman and she is the great-granddaughter of the late Louis and Cootsie Hayes Littleman and the late Darwin and Lillie Elk River Hayes. Sierra is a descendant of Chief Elk River.

Her hobbies are art, softball, basketball, dancing and texting on her phone. She loves to dance in buckskin and has won at many powwows.

Sierra attends the Hammon Pentecostal Church.

The family of Sierra would like to say aho to Ma’heo’o and to all the other family and friends for supporting her.

May Ma’heo’o bless each and everyone of you



AnnMarie Cometsevah is the 2011-2012 Little Miss Oklahoma Indian Nations Princess.

AnnMarie is the 5-year-old daughter of Angela (Littleman) and Robert Cometsevah. She is the granddaughter of Sandra (Factor and the late Cheyenne Chief Albert Littleman Sr of Thomas, Okla. and the late Cheyenne Chief Frank and Louise Cometsevah of Clinton, Okla.

Her great-grandparents are Bill S. and Harriet (Wise) Factor of Seminole and the late Chief Paul and Nellie (Whiteshield) Littleman also

of Thomas.

AnnMarie’s Cheyenne name is Eehee’e, Camps All Over Woman. She is named after her adopted grandmother, Rhoda Bullcoming.

She is a descendant of the Littleman, Allrunner, Red hat and Whiteshield families.

AnnMarie attended pre-K at Thomas-Fay-Custer last school year.

Her heritage is Cheyenne, Creek and Seminole.

Her Seminole ancestors were from the Newcomer Bank (the last to be removed from the Florida Everglades.) Her grandmother is from the Bear Clan. She is the fifth generation granddaughter of Seminole Chief John Chopco.

AnnMarie is a descendant of Sand Hill, who was killed at the Sand Creek Massacre. Her great-grandfather, Paul Littleman Sr., was the second Arrow Keeper from the Cantonment Cheyennes.

She is the great-granddaughter of Ethel (Pickensbone) Allrunner Littleman, the sister of Cheyenne Chief Jacob Allrunner.

Head Lady War Dancer



mother, Francis Whiteshield, originally from Clinton, Okla., until her passing. My great-grandmother always took me and my brother and sister to local dances and powwows when we were very young so we could keep the tradition of dancing.

I moved to Los Angeles, Calif. with my mother where our family

Welcome to Oklahoma Indian Nation powwow. It is an honor for me to be this year’s Head Lady War dancer for the 22nd annual celebration.

My name is Celia Redbird Shadden and I am an enrolled member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma.

My mother is Karen Mann and my father is James Redbird, both tribal members as well. I was raised by my great-grand-

mother, Francis Whiteshield, originally from Clinton, Okla., until her passing. My great-grandmother always took me and my brother and sister to local dances and powwows when we were very young so we could keep the tradition of dancing.

I moved to Los Angeles, Calif. with my mother where our family traveled to various powwows in the California and Arizona areas.

In my senior year of high school I moved to Anadarko, Okla. and I attended and graduated from Riverside Indian School in 2002.

Presently I reside in Shawnee, Okla. with my husband and three children. I wish everyone a good weekend.

Head Lady Gourd Dancer



Debra AllRunner serves as Head Lady Gourd dancer for the 2011 Oklahoma Indian Nation powwow. Debra resides in Geary with her husband Frederic J. AllRunner II and daughter, Kimora. Debra also has three grown children and one granddaughter from Farmington, N.M.

Debra’s Cheyenne name is Shell Woman and her parents are Gerald and Opal Chavez. Her father is an enrolled member

of the Cocthi Pueblo tribe in Pueblo, N.M. and her mother is an enrolled Cheyenne tribal member from Watonga, Okla. Her grandparents are the late Harry and Daisy Behan.

Debra is employed at the Lucky Star Casino in Watonga, Okla. where she has worked for the past five years as the operations manager.

Debra said, “I have been dancing since I was very young and have served on headstaff throughout the Cheyenne and Arapaho communities. I am very blessed to have my families’ support and love to be able to continue our Cheyenne and Arapaho tradition. I would like to thank the OIN committee for asking me to be a part of the OIN powwow this year.”

Head Singer



Jason Goodblanket, Cheyenne from Clinton, Okla. is serving as this year’s Head Singer. His parents were the late Irvin “Toby” and Dorothy Howlingwater Goodblanket. Jason is employed at Watonga Lucky Star casino as senior operations manager and presently resides in Clinton with his fiancé Tammie.

In his early youth Jason was introduced to singing when his father Toby and his uncles were part of a drum group called Blackstar. They often practiced in the backyard of his house on a weekly base.

He later joined Greyhorse Singers of Oklahoma in 1991, when Jim Anquoe

approached Jason and asked him to accompany them to a powwow in Reno, Nev. Soon afterwards Jason, Jim with his sons Rick and Jimmy Anquoe, and Homer Wassana formed the Drum group Redstone and has served as either host or invited drum all across Indian country including Canada on numerous occasions. Terry Tsotigh, Ed Sage and Johnson “Tippy” Tiger are also members of the group.

Jason has served as Head Singer for numerous benefit gourd dances and local powwows throughout the year and hopes to continue to do so.

Jason credits the following singers and says Ha-Ho for teaching and guiding him around the drum. Jim Anquoe, the late Jack Anquoe, Moses Starr, Bobby Sankey, the late Gary Don Sage, Jerome Howlingwater, Raymond “Green” Whitebuffalo, Millard Clark and his father Toby.

Jason would like to thank the Indian National Powwow Committee for selecting him to serve as Head Singer.

Head Man Dancer



Cortney Yarholar is an enrolled member of the Sac & Fox Nation of Oklahoma as well as descendent of the Creek, Pawnee and Otoe tribes.

He and his fiancée, Courtney Tsoitogh of the Kiowa tribe, are the proud parents of Jude Scout Yarholar, whom entered their family in December 2009.

His parents are Clarence and Patricia Yarholar. His grandmother is Sylvestine Shields and great grandfather the late Sidney “Bravescout” Moore.

He comes from a long line of fancy dancers and has been dancing since his first steps. He is also a singer with his family drum group Black-

bird. The drum group name is in honor and memory of the family’s grandfather the late George Shields, who’s Indian name was Blackbird.

Cortney has always been encouraged to pursue his education. In 2003 Cortney attained his B.A from the University of Oklahoma, majoring in Native American Studies. In 2006 he attained his Master’s in Social Work from Washington University in St. Louis, MO. He is a Licensed Masters Social Worker, currently the senior tribal prevention specialist with the Suicide Prevention Resource Center, a national resource center specializing in prevention support, training, and resources to assist tribes, organizations and individuals to develop suicide prevention programs, interventions and policies, and to advance the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention.

Cortney is honored to serve as head man dancer for this year’s Indian Nations celebration and hopes that everyone enjoys themselves, God bless

Head Man Gourd Dancer



Michael Leader “Osoyo” member of the Cherokee Nation.

I served my country from 1962-1964 in the U.S. Army, 1965-1969 in the U.S. Navy. I served over seas on U.S.S Semmes DDG-18 guided misslle destroyer, during Vietnam era

of 1966, 1967, 1968.

It is a honor to be asked to be Head man Gourd dancer. For many years I have been around Cheyenne and Arapaho country. My love and respect for the Cheyenne and Arapaho people id very special and my connections over the years. I am a member of the Kiowa Native American Church, Kiowa Gourd Clan Society, Lodge member of the Northern Arapaho, and I am currently Vice command of American Legion Post 401 Concho, Okla. I have been all over the United States and recently Germany in 2007. When I am dancing in the arena I feel healing and this is wonderful for me. Thank you 2011 Committee for asking me, I will do my best to represent the Gourd Dance.



Head Singer



My name is Perry Cheevers Toppah. I come from the Kiowa and Navajo tribes.

My greatest passion is singing anything and everything.

I was honored to be able to sing with some of the great old time singers when I was young. I have been singing for 24 years now and still love to sing for my people. I want to thank the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes for asking me to be head singer. You guys are like my third tribe. Aho!

MC



Hello Oklahoma Indian Nations. It is an honor to serve as one of the masters of ceremony for this year’s gathering.

Concho, Oklahoma has always been an inviting place for my family and I, be it the summer ceremonies or winter powwows.

My name is Willie Nelson Red Elk. I am Comanche, Shoshone and Kiowa from Elgin, Okla. My lovely Cheyenne, Kiowa, Otoe, Pawnee, Iowa and Sioux companion, Lillie, and I are humbled to have been asked by the committee to serve in this capacity. Lillie and I have five children, all boys, a basketball team (aye). I manage an insurance agency in Lawton, Okla.

My family and I enjoy all the richness of our respective tribes cultures and gatherings. We are a family that loves to talk to our creator and we will pray for anyone, anywhere. It is with this great love from our Father in Heaven that he has blessed us in all that we do.

May you have a safe and enjoyable Cheyenne and Arapaho Oklahoma Indian Nations powwow and SummerFest. I ask that the entire Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes be blessed with peace and good fortune throughout this year and many years to come. Be good to each other as our ancestors instructed us.

Honored Flags



Curtis James Levi was born Nov. 6, 1942 in Concho, Okla. to George and Lillian (Whitebird) Levi. He passed away on Nov. 10, 2009 in Oklahoma City. He was an enrolled member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma and was also of Kiowa tribal descent. Curtis grew up at the Levi home place, just north of Geary, Okla., where he learned to fish, hunt, farm and play many different sports along with his brothers and sisters.

Curtis was a member of the United States Army, was a member of the 605th Transport Company and served in Vietnam. He was an expert rifleman and received the Vietnam Service Medal.

After he served in the Army, he came home to help his father on their farm and also helped start the Cheyenne and Arapaho Farm and Ranch program. Curtis was a heavy equipment operator for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Anadarko, Okla. and worked many years for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes. He was very proud to have served in the Army and was a member of the El Reno American Legion Post #34 and the El Reno VFW Post #382. Each year he would work with the VFW to place flags on the Veterans’ graves at our tribal cemeteries.

Curtis followed in the footsteps as his father, George “Little Skee” Levi and his uncle John “Big Skee” Levi, as a

multi-talented athlete. He was very proud of both of them and always told stories he knew of them. Curtis was an avid fast-pitch softball player and developed many long lasting friendships with families throughout Oklahoma. He also played football, golf, loved to take his grand kids fishing and was an avid sports fan. Many of you may know that one of his most recent loves were horses. He helped begin the Cheyenne and Arapaho Mustang project and had a dream of reviving that project to “give our kids something to do and “something to be proud of.” He was also very proud of all his grand kids and loved them all very much. He was always taking pictures and was very proud to share them with anyone who stopped by to visit.

Curtis lived in Concho for many years and always looked forward to the annual Oklahoma Indian Nation powwow and Summerfest activities. Every year he would always go down to the powwow grounds to mark out a spot for our family to camp. Sometimes he would just sit outside the house and listen to the sounds of the powwow. He also helped build the original softball fields at Concho, organized the golf activities during Summerfest and would help with anything he could in the early days of the Summerfest activities. He spent many hours donating his time so that weekend would be a success and was very proud to live in Concho.

Curtis was a good husband, caring father and “the best grandpa anyone could ever have.” Once again, our dad loved living in Concho and the Oklahoma Indian Nations powwow/ Summerfest was one of the weekends he always looked forward to. We would like to thank the Indian Nations powwow committee and Dara Franklin for asking our family to fly his flag. “it is a great honor for us. We know our father would be very proud.”

**Sunday Morning
Worship 10 a.m. at
the OIN Powwow
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In Honor of Wilma Sue



The Oklahoma Indian Nation powwow committee will honor one of our strongest and most loyal supporters for her many years of encouragement and support.

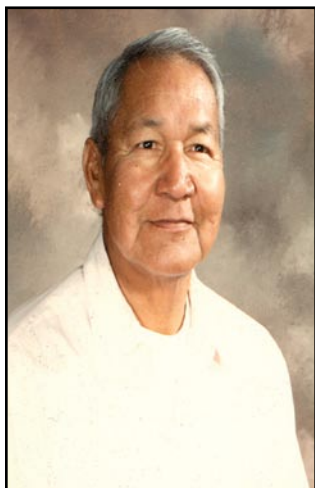
Wilma Blackowl Hamilton was a loyal supporter and was always the first person to set up camp at the OIN powwow and the last one to leave. She would always say “this is the only way I can support you and I’ll be here all weekend”. Wilma looked forward to this annual celebration every year and enjoyed watching the war dance competitions. Wilma passed away on Oct. 16, 2010. Through donations and help from friends and family, the OIN committee will sponsor the Wilma Blackowl Hamilton Special War Dance contest on Sunday night, Aug. 7 with first place \$1,000, second place \$750 and third place \$500, all with trophies.

Wilma Blackowl Hamilton, Cheyenne name Happy Woman, was born on Oct. 8, 1952 to Margaret Blackowl and Nelson Franklin Jr. and was raised by her grandparents, John and Susie Blackowl at Concho, Okla. She graduated from Apache High

School in 1970 and was a well known war dancer and traveled throughout the United States winning contests. Wilma worked at the Concho Indian School as an instructional aide in the girl’s dormitory and coached girls basketball. She worked at Concho Indian School until it closed and then went to work at Jones Academy where she started the Jones Academy Indian Club for the students. In 1987 she began employment at Riverside Indian School as a dorm matron where she worked until 2006 when she began having health problems.

Wilma was a special person to a lot of people and an exceptional and inspirational person to many of our native youth. She loved working with young kids by teaching them arts and crafts, teaching the kids to dance, taking them to powwows and was responsible for forming the Riverside Indian Club. Wilma was also a spiritual, traditional woman and was a member of the Native American Church. She participated in the Arapaho Ceremonies and encouraged and supported her grandsons to participate in the Cheyenne ceremonies. Wilma was a life long powwow person who loved to go to powwows, especially to watch her grandchildren dance.

The OIN committee wishes to thank the Blackowl-Hamilton family for allowing us to honor Wilma Hamilton in this way. Thank You~Ho~Hou!



The flag of Clarence Sunbear Tallbull, July 9, 1925-Feb. 27, 1991, will be flown on Saturday, Aug. 6 at the 22nd annual Oklahoma Indian Nation powwow.

Clarence Tallbull was an enrolled Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member and was an Arapaho Chief. His parents were Mabel Medicinebird and John Charles (Littleman) Tallbull of Kingfisher, Okla. and he was the oldest brother of nine siblings (Pearl Tallbull Sleeper, Vivian Tallbull Red-

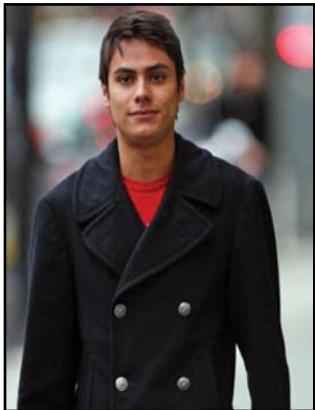
bird, Geraldine Tallbull Morton, Ella Katherine Horn, Maude Horn Harvie, George Horn, Angela Horn and Mary Horn Hawk). Maternal grandparents were (Jesse) GoodWarrior and Medicinebird, Arapaho, and paternal grandparents were Tallbull (Sunbear) and Stinking, Cheyenne. Clarence attended and graduated from Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kansas and served on the 14th, 17th, 18th, and 19th Business Committee from 1964 through 1977 as Tribal Treasurer. Clarence Tallbull served in two wars; in World War II he served in the US Navy and in the Korean War he served in the US Marines. He was awarded five Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart for his service. Tallbull has two sons, Russell Tallbull of New Mexico and Melvin Tallbull of Oklahoma. The family would like to thank the OIN Committee for honoring Clarence Sunbear Tallbull and invite all relatives and friends to join them on Aug. 6.

discharge, he returned to Thomas, Okla. And then traveled and danced throughout the Northern states. He traveled and danced throughout Europe where he met and married Ingrid Kleeman Hawks who still resides in Stutgardt, Germany. Ron loved to dance and traveled the powwow circuit throughout the United States and overseas. Ron was a traditional dancer as well as a flute maker and was well known for both. His sister Karen and spouse Melvin, and sons all reside in El Reno, Okla. In addition, half sister Yvonne Pemberton resides in Geary, Okla.



Ron R Hawks was born on July 5, 1943 and was the oldest grandson of Chief Charles hawks and Nellie Hawk of Thomas, Okla. He attended school in Thomas and Custer, Okla. After graduating from Custer Public Schools, he entered the United States Army where also became a Paratrooper. Upon his

Special Guest Appearance - Actor Kiowa Gordon



Kiowa Gordan who played Embry Call, a member of the *Twilight Saga Wolf Pack* will make an appearance on Saturday Aug. 6, 2011 at the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Summerfest located at the baseball fields on 100 Redmoon Circle, Concho, Okla.

The R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program will be holding a reception there for Gordon

at approximately 12 p.m.

If you miss the reception for Gordon come out to the Oklahoma Indian Nations powwow as Gordon will be attending the Grand Entry at approximately 7 p.m. that evening. Anyone wanting to meet Kiowa Gordon a.k.a. Embry Call of the *Twilight Saga Wolf Pack* is urged to arrive by 6 p.m.

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Mentoring youth

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of Education, Teresa Dorsett, EHS Principal Matt Goucher, and ERHSA Principal Garland Delk, as well as the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ legislators.

The mentors act as a role model and source of friendship and encouragement. What we hope to see from this program is that the mentors establish a high quality relationship with the students. The mentor is not a school official or family member. He or she is someone who has a different perspective, someone who has achieved professional success while maintaining his/her Indian culture and Indian identity and something we feel is important for the students to understand.

Important goals of the mentoring program are to provide another positive role model in the lives of these young Indian students in the hopes that the relationship will lead to increased academic performance, more school involvement, and the development of a post-high school transition plan.

This pilot program will be analyzed and evaluated by school and tribal officials with input from the mentors, students, and parents. In the long term, the mentor program will expand to include the entire 11 county Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes service areas.

The mentors who volunteered for the program have cleared a criminal background check. The mentors have all been successful since graduating from high school and represent a variety of professions, including accounting, military, coaching, traditional culture, the arts and language and business. *The mentors are not “Indian experts, they are expert Indians.”*

The mentors make a one school year commitment. Evidenced based findings have shown that youth in mentoring relationships that last for a year or more accrue the greatest amount of positive benefits; whereas, youth in mentoring relationships that terminate early (in the first three-to-six months of the relationship) actually suffer declines in their feelings of self-worth and perceived scholastic competence. Relationships that end quickly may reinforce children’s feelings that they cannot depend on or trust adults for love and support.

To ensure high quality, long lasting mentor/mentee relationships, the mentor advisory

board developed processes to recruit, screen and train volunteer adult mentors so that they were available, able, willing and prepared to commit to one-on-one mentoring relationships that meet on a regular, consistent basis for twelve months or longer.

Frequent and consistent meetings, generally consisting of weekly or bi-weekly scheduled meetings, over the course of the mentoring relationship were necessary for the mentor and mentee to develop trust and friendship. For these reasons, it was important that our mentoring program carefully defined the responsibilities of mentors, conveyed program expectations to potential mentors, and trained mentors appropriately.

The mentoring program first begins recruitment of potential mentors by requiring that volunteers fill out a volunteer mentor application. Mentors who volunteer are required to go through a mentor training conducted by the mentor advisory board, where they receive a three-ring binder containing all information needed to successfully mentor for one school year. This training session will last three hours.

During the first week of school, the Academy principal has Native students who wish to participate in the mentoring program fill out student information sheets. After mentor training, the mentor advisory board matches mentors with mentees. There is a meet and greet luncheon once the mentors have been matched with a mentee.

After four weeks of mentoring, a mentor appreciation dinner was held to address any problems or concerns the stakeholders (public school/mentors) may have, such as mentor/mentee boundaries, confidentiality the school, tribe or parents may have.

Throughout the course of the school year the mentoring program continued to have frequent and consistent meetings and trainings. During the trainings there were four mentor training power point presentations that will

be presented in concurrence with the development of the program.

The significance of the TC Mentoring Program’s logo, shape of a teepee, is the three sides represent the community, public school and the tribe. The teepee represents the focus on Native Americans.

TC mentoring program can contribute to achieving the mission, goals, philosophy and objectives in partnership, but not standing alone. Three entities (public school, tribe and community services) must work together, get focused and delegate relevant activities to individuals who will work in partnership to alleviate these conditions that negatively affect Indian student academic and personal progress. It is paramount that they cooperate, communicate and collaborate together as one.

The TC must remember in the beginning the effort was to work in partnership for quality education for Indian youth. We (TC) cannot lose this image. It is the image that will guide us through philosophical, practical, political and administrative course and speak for itself when questions of why, what and how are asked, especially from the doubters. It is also one we constantly need to remind the cohorts of when they begin to stray from the path of understanding and cooperation.

“We are all in this together and must remember the symbolism for TC is a message that we will constantly need to be reinforce with one another as the year goes on. Each member of the triangle has a position of strength, which will contribute to the success of the program.”

For example, some things that need to be addressed in the Indian student progress/success will be better addressed from the public school side of the triangle. Some things might be better addressed from the tribal aspect, or the total community aspect and some things might be better addressed if all three elements of the triangle work together. This is what I refer to as situational leadership and

works well with three or more entities once everybody understands the logic in regard to leadership. (The “who will lead this project” question should be answered with a “we will all lead according to one’s strength in relation to the student’s needs.”).

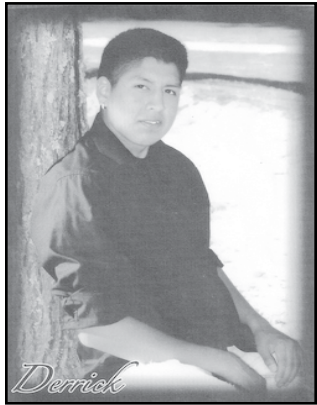
The mentoring program is design to empower the youth and expose them to educational opportunities for life after high school. By doing this we took all Native students who were eligible academically on college campus tours/events.

In October 2010 we visited Southwestern Oklahoma State University-Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College in Weatherford, Okla. In November 2010 we attended an Oklahoma State University (OSU) football game against Baylor University in Stillwater, Okla. In December 2010 Melvin Imotchey, Talking Leaves recruiter spoke with students about educational benefits of attending Talking Leaves Job Corp in Tahlequah, Okla. In January 2011 we toured the Air and Space Museum in Weatherford, Okla. and heard motivational speaker JC High Eagle, former mission control commander at Houston Space Center.

We hosted a Mentor Appreciation dinner at Cherokee Restaurant and held an end of the year mentor/mentee pizza luncheon in May 2011.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your time and commitment to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes and ERPS mentoring program. I personally feel that you mentors have made an immediate impact on many of the lives of the native students. Some of the changes can be immediately seen by the change in their attitudes, attendance and grades. Some changes will not be immediately seen and may never be noticed or seen but because they took your words of advice and made a choice for the better that choice may never be notice. But that is what the mentor program was designed for, intervention and/or prevention, to inform the mentees of other choices they can make. The mentee is the only one who may know how you impacted his or her life in a positive way. The choices they make today are the foundations for their tomorrow.

Memorial Softball Tournament to be held Aug. 26-28



Registration for the annual Derrick Deere Memorial Softball tournament is currently being accepted. Registration is \$125 with American Softball Association (ASA) rules being applied and softballs will be provided. The tournament will be held in Okmulgee, Okla.

The tournament is held to honor the life of Derrick Craig Deere.

He was a “very extraordinary young man whose life was cut too short.”

Derrick was born Aug. 26, 1991 and passed away in a tragic car accident on May 24, 2010, three days after his high school graduation.

Derrick attended Morris High School in Morris,

Okla. where he played baseball, basketball and football.

A memorial posted on the Website www.findagrave.com read, “Derrick Craig Deere, 18, was born to David Deere and Charlene Beaver in Oklahoma City, on Aug. 26, 1991. He went to be with the Lord on May 24, 2010 in Okmulgee, Okla.

Derrick is the baby brother to Katrina Beaver, Brandee Beaver and Chad Deere and the uncle to Malakai “Kai Kai” Harjo, Rylan “RJ” Deere and Aiyana Beaver. Derrick attended Morris Public Schools in Morris, Okla. for 14 years and was a 2010 high school graduate. While a student at Morris Derrick played basketball, football, and baseball. He enjoyed drawing and his artwork won first Place and best of show.

Derrick loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them. Other important people in Derrick’s life was his girlfriend, Cherokee Hughes and his best friend, Jerry Russell.

Derrick was a talented and successful individual who was deeply loved by all that knew him. The talents he possessed touched and inspired many. His smile and sense of humor always brightened others day and made those around him feel loved and accepted. He was always positive and truly loved life. In his short time here on Earth, he excelled in everything that he set his hands to and was on his way to becoming a success. He will be greatly missed by his family, the Morris community, the graduating class of 2010 and countless others whose lives he has touched. He is forever with us.”

The tournament is held on the weekend of his birthday so everyone can get together, play softball and honor Derrick’s life ... please help us to keep his memory alive.

For registration information and location contact Elise Brown at (918) 261-0837 or by email at aeb_osu2007@yahoo.com.

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The Election Commission is re-advertising the following Legislative Position: Closes Aug. 22, 2011

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We Waited For You, a welcome baby book written by Dr. Henrietta Mann and published by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes is now available for \$9.95 through the Cheyenne and Arapaho Education Department.

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Native Business-Frontline Intelligence

By Jim Stanley, Contributing writer



Companies live and die at the frontlines where employees interact with customers. Whether a tribally owned casino or individually owned proprietorship each patron experience either reinforces or degrades brand.

From my experience as a lender and sitting on my tribe’s enterprise board I see two types of conversations with distressed clients. One is the customer wants someone to listen and two, the customer wants specific action. Conversations where the customer wants to be heard are the most common. Both conversations require listening.

Here are some ideas on achieving a positive outcome. Resist the temptation to interrupt regardless of how long

the customer takes to vent. Often it makes sense to first respond with a question to let them know you are listening. Asking about a specific point made is a good start, “You said you waited a while for our employee to get back to you. How long was it?”

Empathy goes a long way when someone is upset. Empathy means you have taken the effort to understand things from the customer’s perspective. It does not mean you agree with them. Sometimes it is good to use an old Indian trick and pull a co-worker into the conversation and say, “Listen to what our customer has to say, this is important.”

Imagine how you would feel if someone acknowledged your voice in such a way. A job well done is when the customer walks away and feels the other side understands the conversation. Notice I said feel and not think. The purpose of the interaction is to help the customer feel better not who is right or wrong. Listening to understand is the key. How you say something is as important as what you say. If the tempo and volume of the customer’s voice is heightened then lower yours. Speak like you would to an elder, calmly and clearly to show respect. Even if

the customer is more emotional than what the situation calls for it is a losing proposition to match tone because someone in distress will likely escalate if not allowed to vent. Arguing is also a bad idea. Try saying calmly, “that sounds frustrating” or “I can understand why you are upset.” Indian trick number two. Everyday frontline workers deal directly with customers and are the ambassadors of their organization. “We are sorry,” is not good enough when customers want their voices heard. Mistakes can and will happen. Don’t attempt to cover things up or hide a mistake. Share them with peers and management to be used as opportunities to role-play and develop situational skills. Indian trick number three.

A wonderful thing will happen as your team develops best practices in challenging situations. Everybody becomes closer and work becomes more fun. It takes leadership from within the organization to be brave enough to expose mistakes and work on them.

Jim Stanley is a tribal member of the Quinault Nation, Vice President of the Quinault Nation Enterprise Board, and board member of the Northwest Native American Chamber. He is a Senior Vice President of Enterprise Cascadia, a loan fund, and freely shares his knowledge. Jim can be reached at sovereigndevelopment@hotmail.

Meet the new Cheyenne and Arapaho Social Services team

Lori Seitter-Lee-Adult Protective Service Worker

I have been married to Thomas Lee of Weatherford for 16 yrs. He is a Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribal member. We have five children and a grandson. I have Bachelors of Social Work (BSW) degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University and an Associates degree in Native American Studies from the Cheyenne-Arapaho College. I had worked temporarily at IHS and Multi-County Youth Services in Clinton after graduating. I have also worked as a CNA at several nursing homes, hospitals and home health in the Weatherford and Clinton area in the past. In the near future I hope to attend Oklahoma University to earn a master’s degree in social work. My goal as the APS worker is to help elders and disabled tribal members find the help and resources they need to be able to stay in their homes and improve their quality of life.

LaRendaMorgan-Supervised IIM Accounts Caseworker

I am an enrolled Cheyenne Arapaho tribal member and also of Otoe Missouriia descent. I have been married to Victor Morgan for 17 years and we have two children. I am the daughter of Micki Black and Chester White-man and the Late Forrest Rickman (Otoe-Missouria). My professional work experience includes Indian Health Service, Oklahoma Area Office Human Resources, Oklahoma State Department of Education in the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor for Delaware Nation, and Education Program Specialist for the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse. I am a member of Oklahoma Council for Indian Education and Oklahoma Tribal State Relations Workgroup. I attended the University of Oklahoma and graduated with a Bachelors of Arts in Social Science emphasis. In December 2011, I will complete coursework for a Masters of Human Relations (M.H.R) degree in Organizational Development at the Uni-



New Social Services Program employees from l-r: Bottom-Charlie Primo and LaRenda Morgan. Top-Lori Ceitter-Lee, Kim Kannady and Susan Geary.

versity of Oklahoma. My objective in being a Supervised Individual Indian Money (IIM) Accounts Caseworker is to serve the needs and best interest and provide positive and friendly customer service to our tribal people.

Kim Kannady-Child Protection Worker

Kannady has been at the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, Social Service Department since September 2010. Kim has a Bachelor’s degree from the University of Central Oklahoma. She is a member of the Kiowa tribe of Oklahoma. Recently, Kim completed 130 hours of Child Protection Training and Investigation through the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, O.U. Training Center in Norman, Okla. Previous employment history of Kannady for the past 20 years includes the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, Citizen Potawatomie Nation and Eagles Flight In-patient Treatment Center has allowed her to be an Advocate for Indian Children and their family. She is trained and experienced in Mental Health, Chemical Dependency and Counseling. Kannady is one of the co-founders of the Red Road To Recovery confer-

ence held annually for the past 15 years in Oklahoma City. Kannady has volunteered/worked with the American Indian population in the Urban Oklahoma City area for over 15 years to address Substance abuse. Kannady initiated one of the first Native American Recovery groups in the Oklahoma City area 22 years ago. Kannady states that her calling is working with the families of the American Indian population, more so, with the children and women.

Burgess Charlie\Primeaux\General Assistance Caseworker

By way of quick introduction my name is Burgess Charlie Primeaux, Ponca/Osage. I was born and raised in Pawnee, Okla. I most recently work for the Ponca tribe of Oklahoma as their health director for seven years. I have a bachelor’s degree from Northeastern Oklahoma State University graduating with a double major in Sociology/Indian Studies. I am married to Freda A. Roman Nose of Watonga, Okla. We have four children and eleven grandchildren, all enrolled members of the Cheyenne tribe of Oklahoma. I am a caseworker for the social service department located at Concho, Oklahoma.

Susan Geary-Caseworker Assistant

Hello, my name is Susan Geary; I am a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes. My Father is the late Cecil Geary and my mother Is Mary Geary of El Reno, Okla. I have three daughters and I am a licensed practical nurse. In 1999 I obtained my nusing license from the Canadian Valley Technology Center in El Reno, Okla. I am currently pursuing my degree in nursing and I would also like to obtain a degree in Native American studies. My long term goal is to work with our Native American population in order to improve healthcare awareness within our society. I have been employed at the Oklahoma City Indian Clinic as well as the VA Medical Center for the last 11 years. All of which has been very beneficial. For my work ethics, I have had the opportunity of working with Native American families from numerous tribes and I have also gained much experience from working with our Veterans of Foreign Wars. I came to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes in order to further understand the social aspect of our tribe and to assist all tribal members and families to my fullest extent.

Online class enriches one student’s life

By Danielle Hill

My name is Danielle, and I am a senior at the University of Oklahoma High School. This is my first year to take online classes. For my last year of high school I decided that I would only choose classes that really interested me (besides those that I was required to take). When I noticed that Southern Cheyenne history was an option, I knew that I definitely wanted to take the class.

History is my favorite subject, and I always have loved history courses that incorporate a unit on Indian history. In the fifth grade I got really excited when my class studied the different Indian tribes of North America. I was required to research and reconstruct a typical home of a Plains Indian family. The project convinced me that I loved learning about Indian history. So when I was presented with the opportunity to take a Southern Cheyenne history class, I didn’t hesitate to enroll.

I learned so many things from this class that it is hard for me to name everything. The course taught me about the Cheyenne tribe’s journey through history from their begin-

nings as hunters and gatherers of the Upper Great Lakes Region to their buffalo hunting days of the Great Plains and finally from the reservations to the present-day tribe.

I never knew that the Cheyennes went through four different phases of life before the present time period came about, as I was under the assumption that the Indian tribes of the Great Plains had always been Plains Indians.

This class gave me an in-depth look at the Cheyenne culture and how it changed during the transition from one phase to the next. I learned about the Cheyenne food sources, religion, clothing, tipi construction, and even how the buffalo hides were prepared. For me, one of the most interesting things was learning about the different kinds of plants and roots that were gathered by the Cheyenne women on the Great Plains. I was surprised that there were about fifteen kinds of vegetables, nine types of roots, and sixteen types of fruits. I had no idea that this many food sources could be found through gather-

ing.

The class also discussed the westward expansion of the whites and how their presence affected the Cheyenne people. I did not know that the Cheyennes initially wanted to befriend the white traders, but were sadly taken advantage. It was sad to learn about the total disregard the white people had for the land and the buffalo, as they slaughtered the buffalo in massive quantities only to harvest the hides. In addition, I learned about the multiple battles that were fought between the United States military forces and the Cheyennes.

The Sand Creek Massacre in 1864 and the Battle of the Washita in 1868 were the two white attacks that upset me the most. I now know of the great pain and sadness that the Sand Creek Massacre, in particular, has caused for multiple generations of Cheyennes.

I was greatly surprised that despite being sent to live on a reservation, the Southern Cheyenne still made their ceremonies a pri-

ority. Although I learned that the present-day Southern Cheyenne struggle with many difficulties, I also discovered that the tribe is working to interest young Cheyennes in their unique culture and heritage while creating a more unified and strengthened tribe.

When I began this class I knew almost nothing about Cheyenne history. Now that I am finished I feel that I have a much better understanding of the Southern Cheyenne history and culture. I think that the best part of the class is that Mr. Funston Whiteman teaches it because he is Cheyenne and knows his peoples’ culture and history. He has been able to give the class another dimension. There is just something about being taught by someone who can actually link himself or herself to the history that they are teaching. I am so glad that I have had the opportunity to learn all about Cheyenne history. This class is definitely one of the most interesting classes that I have ever taken and I hope that many others get the opportunity to take such a course.

In Memorium



Tony Raydean Cline
Nov. 2, 1971
July 17, 2011

A wake service was held for visitation on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 19-20, 2011 at the Don Grantham Funeral Home in Duncan, Okla.

Funeral services were also held at the funeral home on July 21, 2011.



Georgia Levi Henderson was born on Aug. 22, 1937 to George and Lillian (Whitebird) Levi. She passed away at the age of 73 in Oklahoma City on July 14, 2011.

Georgia graduated from Chillico Indian School and was raised in Geary, Okla. She moved to California in 1956 and later moved back to Geary in 1989. She married Joseph Eugene Henderson in 1963 in Los Angeles, Calif.

Survivors include one daughter, Linda Lee Carrera of El Reno, Okla., six grandchildren, Stephanie Lunsford of

Oklahoma City, Ricky Carrera of Ft. Cobb, Okla., Anthony Carrera of Los Angeles, Calif., Christopher Carrera of El Reno, Okla., Gale Carrera of Russellville, Ark. and Rachael Carrera of Oklahoma City, one sister, Linda Levi Dyer of Talequah, Okla., two brothers, Tommy Levi of Midwest City, Okla. and Jerry Levi of El Reno, Okla.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Lillian Levi, her husband Joseph Henderson, and two brothers, Gale and Curtis Levi.

An all night wake service was held at the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' community center at 7 p.m., Thursday, July 21, 2011.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 22, 2011 in Geary, Okla.

The burial was held at the Levi Family Cemetery in Geary, Okla. under the direction of Turner Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at turnerfuneralhomes@gmail.com, or on facebook.com (Turner Funeral Homes).



Theodora Gail Hill
March 24, 1977
July 11, 2011

A traditional wake service was held Thursday July 14, 2011 at the Seiling-Fonda Community Center in Seiling, Okla.

Funeral services were held on Friday, July 15, 2011 at the community center and the interment was held at the Cantonment Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were made by Redinger Funeral Home in Seiling, Okla.

Al Deroin Lorentz

Al Deroin Lorentz was born on July 13, 2011to Vickey Lynn Lorentz and Robert Dean Beach. He passed away on July 13, 2011 Oklahoma City at Children's Hospital. He will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his parents, Vickey Lynn Lorentz of Geary, Okla. and Robert Dean Beach, his maternal grandmother Tina Sealy of Geary, Okla., his paternal grandparents Eva and Tim (Johnson) Charboneau, maternal great-grandmother, Cynthia Sealy of Geary, Okla., uncle Clifford LittleRaven of Watonga, Okla., grandparents, Annabel and Arthur Lorentz Jr. of Geary, Okla., special aunt, Tia Whitlow of Geary, Okla. and many aunts, uncles, cousins and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Al

Lorentz, his uncle, Zachery Lorentz, great-grandfather, Clifford Sealy, great-grandparents, Cecelia Queton Lorentz and Arthur Lorentz Sr.

Wake services were held at the Chief Cornerstone Baptist Church on Monday, July 18, 2011 and funeral services were held at the church at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 19, 2011 in Geary, Okla.

Services: Chief Cornerstone Baptist Church, Tuesday, 11:00 AM, July 19, 2011, Geary, OK

Officiating at the funeral was Rev. Frank Kauquaho.

The burial was held at the Geary Cemetery under the direction of Turner Funeral Home in Geary, Okla.

Condolences may be sent to the family at turnerfuneralhomes@gmail.com or on facebook.com (Turner Funeral Home).

A class of his own, Smokey Robinson

By Rebecka Lyman Reporter/Ad Sales



It has been more than 50 years since his first record came out.

On July 18, 2011 Lucky Star Casino in Clinton, Okla. Smokey Robinson along with his entourage of musicians and dancers took the stage.

Robinson a singer, songwriter and record producer, born on Feb. 19, 1940 in Detroit, Mich., grew up in a rough neighborhood and started out singing in local groups.

He was 15 years old when experienced his first recording session and formed the Matadors in the late 1950's, which later became the world famous Miracles.

A chance meeting with record producer Berry Gordy Jr. led to a contract with Motown Records as well as an important working relationship.

The Miracles scored their first big hit

with Shop Around in 1960 and developed a following with their energetic rhythm and blues sound.

The group has numerous hits, including You really got a hold on me and I Second That Emotion.

Robinson also worked behind the scenes, composing and producing for the Miracles and other Motown artists, such as Mary Wells and the Temptations. His work contributed to the success of Motown Records and helped advance the popularity of soul music.

Robinson went solo in 1972, creating a more mellow sound for himself. Often associated with romantic soul music, he released such successful albums as A Quiet Storm in 1974 and Touch the Sky released in 1982.

Don't Know Why album became a hit in 2010. It was the sixth decade with one of his records in the charts. Still a popular entertainer, Robinson continues to perform live for his fans.

Rock out with Whitesnake, Aug. 5, see the legendary Diana Ross, Sept. 22 country legendary Loretta Lynn, Sept. 24 at Lucky Star Casino in Concho, Okla.

Celebrate with Lucky Star Casino in Clinton Okla. for their tenth anniversary with Big & Rich along with Gretchen Wilson on Aug. 26, 2011.

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PROGRAM PROFILE

Mission statement

The purpose of the child care program is to increase the availability, affordability and quality of child services. The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes child development program offers families access to affordability, high-quality child care where children have the opportunity to develop to their fullest potential in a safe, healthy and nurturing environment, and to prepare children for the future by exposing them to different life skills that will help them grow to become productive individuals.

Program services

1. Childhood development centers

The Cheyenne and Arapaho child development program operates two tribally owned and operated child development centers. They are located in Concho and Clinton Oklahoma. The centers are licensed by the state of Oklahoma Department of Health and Human Services (DHS) and are 2 star facilities.

2. C&A tribal subsidy program

the child care program administers a wide array of child-care services through the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal subsidy program to low-income families with parents or single parent, who is working or attending training or education program. Parents may choose the type of child care that best

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Bernadette Perkins-Center Mgr.-Concho
Charlene Wise-Center Mgr.-Clinton



suits their needs. The subsidy program also provides technical assistance to providers to assist with maintaining quality of child care services.

Eligibility requirements

1. Child development centers six weeks to 12 years of age, current immunization, birth certificate and completed application

2. Tribal subsidy program, income guidelines (sliding fee scale), working or in a training or educational program, child is an enrolled federally recognized Indian, reside within 11 county service area; Beckham, Blaine, Canadian, kingfisher, roger mills, Washita, Woodward, Custer, Major, Dewey, and Ellis.

In-home care is limited due to budget restrictions...if the preferred child care options is in home; limitations are in place for eligibility. Families must require services for three or more children to be eligible for in-home care.

Staff consists of Vanessa Hart, director, Bernadette Perkins, Concho Center Manager

Charlene wise, Clinton Center Manager

Agnes Littlehawk, Intake Specialist

Contact information direct: (405 422-7661 (Concho) 580-323-2363 (Clinton) toll free: (877) 218-7004 fax: (405) 262-5824 (Concho) 580-323-1953 (Clinton) hours of operation 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes

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Aug. 5, 6, 7, 2011
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Hot Dog Feed & Eating Contest-7 p.m.
5-on-5 Adult Basketball - 7 p.m. - \$25
Tiny Tot Contest-After Grand Entry @ OIN
Coed Softball Tournament- 7 p.m.
\$125 non-Tribal Teams
DEADLINE to register - Aug. 2



Saturday-Aug. 6
Buffalo Run & Walk - 8 a.m.
\$15 non-Tribal
Golf Scramble - 10 a.m.
Youth 3-on-3 Basketball - 10 a.m.
Homerun Derby - 11 a.m.
Coed Softball Tournament- 12 p.m.
Watermelon Feed - 1 p.m.
Cultural Art Studio - 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Water Slides & Games - 1-6 p.m.

Sunday-Aug. 7

Horseshoe Tournament - 10 a.m.
Frybread Contest - 10 a.m.
Coed Volleyball Tournament-10 a.m.
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Happy Belated 1st Birthday
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and grandpa
Love you son,
mom and dad.



Happy Birthday
‘Fire Chief’
Ray Black
Your fire burns bright in our
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Love, your family.



Happy 3rd Birthday
Jacen Bear
You bring so much joy
to the family
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We love you so so much!



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Happy Birthday
Sheila Black
July 18
Love always, J.J.



Happy 17th Birthday
Shelby!!
You’re a great big sister
to all of us, but I’m your
favorite.
Love Rayne, mom, dad and
the boys.



Happy Birthday Junior
Love you son, from dad,
AJ and Tiffani.

Nakosi, I love that
feeling of being
secure when you
wrap your arms
around me.



Krystiana and her dance team, Dance Etiquette took
first place at the Nationals on July 5, 2011 in Chicago, IL.

Congratulations Krystiana!!!!
Alisa Guzman and daughter Krystiana Guzman would
like to say Thank you to the Cheyenne and Arapaho
tribes and the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program for all their
assistance and support.

Happy 35th Birthday
Tyrone Little Coyote
Aug. 3
Hope you have a good
birthday and many
more to come.
Love you always nephew, A.J.

Happy Birthday
To my granddaughter
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Source: How Tobacco Smoke Causes Disease:
The Biology and Behavioral Basis for Smoking-Attributable Disease: A Report of the Surgeon General. 2010.

If you are interested in quitting contact
Deborah Ellis (405) 422-7674 or Margie
Deer (405) 422-7676 with the Cheyenne
and Arapaho tribes’ Health Education De-
partment.

**Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes
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Locations**

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Aug. 1-Watonga, RomanNose Pool, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.
Aug. 2-Elk City, Carnegie Library, 4 p.m.-6 p.m.
Aug. 3-Clinton, City Pool, 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Aug. 4-Geary, City Pool, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.
Aug. 8-Woodward, TBA
Aug. 9-Darlington, School, Enrollment Day
Aug. 10-Weatherford, City Pool, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
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Carnegie Library-Elk City, Okla.
Aug. 4, 2011
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Education Department-Old Indian School Bldg.
Concho, Okla.
Aug. 8, 2011
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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Teacher Aide
Head Start-Clinton
Closing Date: Continuous

QUALIFICATIONS:
High school diploma or G.E.D. certification and minimum of one year experience working in an early childhood education classroom; or an equivalent combination of training and experience with willingness to obtain additional training and/or obtain additional training/or CDA or state certificate as requested. Ability to work effectively with low-income and special needs children. Ability to function effectively in cross-cultural situations. Ability to use positive approach in directing and redirecting child behavior, and work cooperatively as a member of a team. Current Childhood Emergency/CPA or First Aide/CPR certification or the ability to obtain one and CDL. Obtain and hold current food handler’s card or the ability to obtain one. Maintain compliance with Criminal History Registry and agrees to random drug testing.
SALARY: Negotiable

Teacher-Child Development
On-Call-Clinton
Closing Date: Until Filled

QUALIFICATIONS:
Teachers hired after July 1, 1995 are required to be at least 18 years of age. Have a high school diploma or GED certification. Or have completed the tenth grade and be in the process of obtaining a GED for a period not to exceed 12 months. Must have a valid Oklahoma driver’s license. Must pass a physical exam. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. Must be physically fit to work daily with children. Must demonstrate basic knowledge of early childhood development. Must attend staff meetings as well as parent meetings when required. Must submit monthly reports. Must attend workshops. Must have adequate transportation. Must have skills to relate to the community in general. Must pass a criminal background check. Must pass mandatory drug and alcohol test. Willing to work flexible work schedule. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.
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Teacher Aide
Head Start-Concho
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SALARY: Negotiable

Caseworker
Social Services
Closing Date: Until Filled

QUALIFICATIONS:
Prefer bachelor’s degree in social work or related field preferred or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Requires two years of experience in professional related field. Ability to work flexible hours and willing to work other hours including after 5 p.m. Must understand and strive to implement the program’s goals, objectives rules and regulations. Possess communication skills, written or oral, to relate to Indian and non-Indian communities, other agencies and the general public. Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality on all client matters and other matters protected by the Privacy Act as well as to the confidentiality regulations. OSBI and criminal background check required and be adjudicated appropriately. Must possess a current Oklahoma driver’s license to operate a government owned vehicle. Prefer knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho/American Indian cultures and values. Ability to work with difficult clientele with various social problems and/or needs. Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal preference.
SALARY: Negotiable

House Parent
Emerg. Youth Shelter
Closing Date: Continuous

QUALIFICATIONS:
High school diploma or G.E.D. required with preference given to post secondary training in the following related fields, child development, nutrition, culinary arts and psychology. One year experience working in situations related to children. Must be able and willing to work alternating shifts on weekends, nights and holidays. Must retain a valid Oklahoma driver’s license and have a clean driving record. Must pass criminal record check. Must have a telephone or cell phone at place of residence. Three current letters of references required. Current TB skin test or chest x-ray and pass complete physical examination.
SALARY: Negotiable

Teacher Aide
Head Start-Canton
Closing Date: Continuous

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SALARY: Negotiable

CHR Reps
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Closing Date: Until Filled

QUALIFICATIONS:
Have EMT, medical assistant, CMA or CNA experience. Have current CPR certification. Valid Oklahoma state driver’s license and be insurable under the tribes’ insurance. Must reside in service area. Must pass a physical and be in good physical condition with proof of TB skin test and other immunizations. Must pass basic CHR and first responder training within one year. Travel required in duties. Must pass OSBI background check. Must have minimum of high school diploma or GED certification. Must have own reliable vehicle and residential telephone. Must be able to work outside of normal working hours as needed. Must be able to utilize computer and email system. Must be able to work under stressful conditions. Must follow Tribal policies and procedures. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.
SALARY: Negotiable

Electrical Apprentice
Economic Development
Closing Date: Aug. 9, 2011

QUALIFICATIONS:
Verifiable experience required. Ability to accept immediate employment. Stable work history. Excellent character and work ethics. Must be dependable, conscientious and maintain professional conduct. Must possess a valid state driver’s license. High School or GED certification required.
SALARY: Negotiable

Plumber Apprentice
Economic Development
Closing Date: Aug. 9, 2011

QUALIFICATIONS:
Knowledge of the methods, materials, fixtures, tools and equipment used in plumbing work. Knowledge of standard plumbing techniques and job safety measures. Ability is required to maintain and perform minor repairs of various plumbing systems and fixtures and to follow written and oral instructions. Must have valid driver’s license. Ability to work with other trades. Any and all other duties assigned. High school or GED certification required. Must be dependable and have excellent people skills.
SALARY: Negotiable

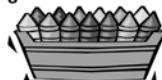
Receptionist/File Clerk
DOA-Hammon Area
Closing Date: Aug. 3, 2011

QUALIFICATIONS:
High school diploma or GED certification required. Must be able to work with little supervision. Must be able to follow directions. Must communicate effectively both orally and written. Must possess clerical skills such as typing and ten-key operations. Must have knowledge of MS Excel, Word and some Access. Must have knowledge in database and records management. Must possess a current Oklahoma driver’s license. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.
SALARY: Negotiable

Transit Drivers II
On Call-3 Positions
Closing Date: Until Filled

QUALIFICATIONS:
Must possess or be willing to attend training programs to gain CPR and CDL certifications. Must pass a pre-employment drug screening process and subject to random drug testing. Must maintain a clean driving record and may be required to provide a Motor Vehicle Report (MVR). Must be able to lift a minimum of 50 lbs. with no physical barriers. Must possess the ability to communicate effectively both orally and written. Must possess high school diploma, possible completion of a commercial driving training program and defensive driving program. Experience may be an acceptable equivalent.
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The Domestic Violence Program is now located in Building 1 (old tax commission bldg.) located at the main tribal complex.
For more information contact Karen Hinton at (405) 422-7692.

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CIVIL SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: Margarito Lorenzo Ramirez

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO FILE A FORMAL WRITTEN ANSWER to the Petition which is filed in the Office of the above-named Court. A copy of the Petition is herewith served upon you and to file your Answer with the above named Court within twenty (20) days of service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service. Within the same time, a copy of your Answer must be delivered or mailed to the attorney for the Plaintiff or Plaintiff.

AFTER THE TWENTY (20) days, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court shall set a date for a hearing of this cause, and you will be notified of the time and date.

IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR before the Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court on the date set for hearing; a Judgment by Default can be entered and the Plaintiff shall be awarded the relief asked for, in the Petition.

YOU MAY SEEK THE ADVICE OF AN ATTORNEY on any matter connected with this suit or your Answer at your own expense. Such Attorney should be consulted immediately so that an Answer may be filed within the time stated in the summons.

Dated this 12th day of July, 2011

Maria C. Reyes
Maria C. Reyes, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

Plaintiff:
Victoria L. Lorenzo
317 Hal Dr.
El Reno, OK 73036

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FILED JUL 22 2011
IN THE TRIAL COURT

In The Matter Of The Guardianship Of:)
)
ALEILAH D. HILL)
DOB: 03-24-04) Case No: PG-2011-0044
TAJON S. HILL)
DOB: 08-18-09)

A Minor

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE CHEYENNE AND ARAPAH0 TRIBES TO: GEORGE WHETSTONE

TAKE NOTICE that Gilberta Hill and Charles Blackbear has filed in this Court a Petition For Guardianship on the above-named minor in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma,

YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE of the Petition due to being the father of the minor child and you may submit a written protest in the case.

YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that this matter is hereby set for hearing on the 10TH day of AUGUST, 2011 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Guardianship should not be granted.

Dated this 22ND nd day of JULY, 2011.

Edwina Whiteman
Edwina Whiteman, Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

Petitioners:
Gilberta Hill
Charles Blackbear
P.O. Box 313
Seiling, Ok 73163

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In The Matter Of The Guardianship Of:)
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KILEY MAE OSAGE)
DOB: 11/01/0) Case No: CNA-PG-2011-0027
ROLL PENDING)
)
A Minor Child)

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: KATELIN D. OSAGE

You are hereby notified that Miles Osage and Angel Grunewald have filed in this Court a Petition For Custody of the person and/or estate of Kiley Mae Osage, a minor child, and that on 31st day of May, 2011, the petitioners, Miles Osage and Angel Grunewald were granted temporary emergency guardianship of the minor child and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 14th day of SEPTEMBER, 2011 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Guardianship should not be granted.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2011.

Edwina Whiteman
Edwina Whiteman, Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

Petitioners:
Miles Osage
Angel Grunewald
3010 S.W. 14th St
Oklahoma City, Ok 73108

NAJA hosts 27th annual conference, elects new president, recognizes award winners



Photo by Rosemary Stephens
Darla C. Leslie was elected the new Native American Journalist Association president during the 27th annual NAJA conference.

NORMAN, OK-Darla C. Leslie (Yakima) was elected president of the Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) by the board of directors at the 27th annual Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) conference in Fort Lauderdale, Florida July 16.

Leslie is a reporter/photographer

2011 NAJA AWARD WINNERS

Division one

General Excellence Daily/Weekly Div 1

1. Navajo Times

Best Layout Daily/Weekly Div 1

1. Navajo Times

Best News Story Daily/Weekly Div 1

Lenzy Krehbiel-Burton - Creek Nation Judicial System

In Limbo

Best Feature Daily/Weekly Div 1

1. Marley Shebala - Future MBA

2. Jan-Mikael Patterson - Day By Day

Best Associate News Story (Print) Div 1

1. Cindy Yurth - Unlucky Horse

Best News Photo Daily/Weekly Div 1

1. Leigh Jimmie - Wood Harvest

Best Photo Feature Daily/Weekly Div 1

1. Leigh Jimmie - Winter Fun

2. Paul Natonabah - Class Of 2010!

Best News Story Daily/Weekly Div 1

1. Erny Zah - A Gathering Storm

for the Yakama Nation Review. She was elected for a three-year term on the NAJA board of directors. Also elected were Tristan Ahtone (Kiowa), Wyoming Public Radio, and Neyom Friday (Arapaho/Muskogee/Creek), a student at Broward College in South Florida.

The three filled the board seats of Sho-Ban News Editor, Lori Edmo-Suppah (Shoshone/Ban-nock), National Native News, Anchor/Producer, Antonia Gonzales (Navajo), and the late NAJA co-founder Minnie Two-Shoes (Assiniboine Sioux). Leslie was appointed last year to complete the remaining year of Two Shoes term on the NAJA board.

Six NAJA board members will remain in position until their terms are complete including, Rhonda LeValdo (Acoma Pueblo), Nancy Kelsey (Ottawa), Brent Merrill (Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde), Jolene Schonchin (Comanche), Shirley Sneve (Rosebud Sioux), and Andy Harvey (Navajo).

Leslie replaces LeValdo as the

NAJA board president.

“I am truly grateful to Rhonda for her service to this great organization and truly respect her inspiration as a Native journalist,” said Leslie, 33, “As the new president, I will continually fall back on Rhonda’s leadership, in addition to all past NAJA presidents and board members, for advice and direction as this organization continues to move forward.”

LeValdo was seated as the new NAJA Vice-President, replacing Merrill.

Ahtone replaced Sneve as treasurer; Schonchin replaced Gonzales as secretary; and Kelsey takes the position of Sergeant-At-Arms.

“Although we have a powerful executive board, I will continually fall back on us, as a whole, before making any decisions,” said Leslie. “I believe team effort is key when it comes to the success of an organization and each of us has our own unique professional backgrounds to bring to the table. I look forward to working with each of them and utilizing their creative ideas to put

NAJA back on course to meet the mission as designed by the founders of this organization.”

The Native American Journalists Association serves and empowers Native journalists through programs and actions designed to enrich journalism and promote Native cultures.

NAJA recognizes Native Americans as distinct peoples based on tradition and culture. In this spirit, NAJA educates and unifies its membership through journalism programs that promote diversity and defends challenges to free press, speech and expression. NAJA is committed to increase the representation of Native journalists in mainstream media. NAJA encourages both mainstream and tribal media to attain the highest standards of professionalism, ethics and responsibility.

The Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) honored two individuals along with the winners of the Native Media awards on Saturday July 16, 2011.

The first honoree was Tim Giago,

1. Terri Hansen - Celebrating Shades Of Green
Best Column Bi/Monthly

1. Dan Agent - The Gifts Of Wilma Mankiller
Division Two

No Entries

Division Three

General Excellence Monthly Bi/Monthly Div 3

1. Shannon Shaw - Osage News 2010 Election Coverage

Best Feature Bi / Monthly Div 3

1. Rosemary Stephens, Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Tribune - Freedom Through The Stroke Of A Brush

2. Rebecca Lyman, Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Tribune - Getting A Head Start On Life

Best Photo News Division 3

1. Shannon Shaw “First Day Of School”

Best Feature Photo Division 3

1. Chalene Toehay “Grayhorse Drumkeeper Ready For In-Lon-Shka”

Best News Story Div 3

1. Rebecca Lyman - Storms Leaves Workers Standing In The Rain-Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune

See NAJA award winners, page 14

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NAJA award winners

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2. Shannon Shaw - Two Incumbents And Four....

Best Layout Bi/Monthly Div 3

1. Osage News

Best Online Reporting: News Div3

1. Stephanie Woodard

2. Shannon Shaw

3. Devin Wagner

Best Online Newspaper Div 3

1. Osage News

Best Magazine Overall Div 3

1. Native American Times/Oklahoma Native Times

Best Environmental Div 3 Bi/Monthly

1. Rosemary Stephens - Wind Energy, The Future-Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune

Division Four

General Excellence Div 4

1. Confederated Umatilla Journal

2. Smoke Signals

3. Native American Times

Best Sports Photo Division 4

1. Tara Burnside “Outfield”

2. Fred Codynah, Jr. “Tko In Okc – George ‘Comanche Boy’ Tahdoahnippah”

Best Feature Photo Division 4

1. Tara Burnside “Smile”

2. Dallas Dick “Fly”

Best News Story Div 4

1. Carol Berry – Exploring Native Identity

2. Lisa Snell – Fired Editor Accuses Admin. Of Censorship

Best Layout Bi / Monthly Div 4

1. Smoke Signals

2. Confederate Umatilla Journal (Cuj)

Best Online Newspaper Div 4 - Honorable Mention

1. Kalihwisaks (Oneida Tribe)

Best Feature Story Weekly Div 4

1. Debra Utacia Krol - Losing The Wisest Generation

2. Lisa Snell - Cherokee Artist Focuses On Mothers & Babies

3. Rob Capriccioso - Obama Failed To Connect...

Best News Story Bi / Monthly Div 4

1. Angel Ellis - Chief Vs. Communities

2. Gerald Wofford - Are Full-Bloods Thinning

Best Feature Bi / Monthly Div 4

1. Jolene Schonchin - Apologies For Atrocities

2. Steve Bonspiel - Coming Out With A Smile

3. Tara Burnside - Watchman



Cheyenne and Arapho Tribal Tribune staff place first and second in the division three, best feature category and first place in best enironmental and news category.

Best Sports Bi / Monthly Division 4

1. Paula Karty - Queen Of The Mound

2. Gerald Wofford - Creek Boy An Inspiration

Best Environmental Daily/Weekly Div 4

1. Rob Capriccioso - Snowy Relations On Sacred Site Development

Best Environmental Mo/Bi Div 4

1. Jolene Schonchin - Going Green To Save Green

Associate News Story Div 4

1. Dean Rhodes – Fish Returning To Agency Creek

Division Five

General Excellence Daily Div. 5:

1. The Eastern Door

2. Lakota Country Times

General Excellence Bi / Monthly Div. 5

1. The Southern Ute Drum

2. Gaduwa Cherokee News

3. Siletz News

Best Editorial Daily/Weekly Div. 5:

1. Steve Bonspiel - Don’t Fear The Mcivor Decision

2. Tracy Deer - Hateful-R-Us

3. Greg Horn - Why It’s Important For The Iroquois Nationals

To Travel On Haudenosaunee Passports

Best News Story Daily/Weekly Div. 5:

1. Steve Bonspiel - “WanEEK Horn Miller Has A Right To Live Here” - Mohawk Council

2. Jordan Standup - Mandate Given To Create Kahnawake Justice System

3. Brittany Leborgne - Curtain Falls On Kateri Hall

Associate News Story Div. 5

1. Ace Stryker - Legislators Withdraw Proposal To Cut Native Scholarships At FLC

2. Diane Rodriguez – Relationship, Book On Siletz Tribe And It’s History

stores Now

Associate Beat Div 5

1. Michelle Spaude - Back-To-Back Racing

Associate Coverage Of Native Americans Div 5

1. Michelle Spaude - Learning About Tribal Food Networks

2. Winda Colins - Mnokenoma Ge Wen “Good Teachings”

Best Layout Bi / Monthly Div 5

1. Southern Ute Drum

2. Siletz News

3. Potawatomi Traveling Times

Best Online Newspaper Div 5

1. Kahnawakenews.Com

2. Lakotacountrytimes.Com

Best Sports Photo Division 5

1. Greg Horn “Going For The Loose Ball”

Best Feature Photo Division 5

1. Greg Horn “Totem”

Best Photo News Division 5

1. Natasha Kavanaugh “Fancy Dancer Demonstrates How It’s Done”

2. Diane Rodriguez “First Mile – Run To The Rogue”

Best Sports Daily/Weekly Div 5

1. Greg Horn - Live Like A Champion Project Kicks Off In Kahnawake

Best Column Daily/Weekly Div 5

1. Jordan Standup - What Does Canada’s Endorsement

Best Environmental Daily/Weekly Div 5

1. Jordan Standup - North Creeks Bad Smell Is A Community Problem

Associate Photo Division 5

1. Jeremy Wade Shockley – Little Girl With Blue And White Umbrella

2. Diane Rodriguez “Youth Enjoys Culture Camp”

3. John Loftus “Dawn Fisherman”

Congratulations to ALL the 2011 NAJA Media Award Winners



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